IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A sustained release ophthalmic pharmaceutical composition in the form of an aqueous gel, a pourable aqueous dispersion, or anhydrous salt, for controlling and lowering intraocular pressure comprising:

a therapeutically effective amount of a beta blocker of the formula:

$$R^1\text{-}O\text{-}CH_2\text{-}CH(OH)\text{-}CH_2\text{-}NR^2R^3$$

wherein R^1 is a substituted or unsubstituted cyclic or aliphatic moiety, and R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from H and substituted and unsubstituted alkyl;

an amount of an anionic mucomimetic polymer having carboxylic acid functional groups which comprise from 2 to 7 carbon atoms per functional group and a molecular weight of from 50,000 to 6 million such that the composition in the form of an aqueous gel or pourable aqueous dispersion has a viscosity of about 1 to about 20,000 cps.; and a particulate cation exchange resin at a concentration of from about 0.05% to 10.0% by weight, the composition having a pH of from about 3.0 to 8.5.

7. (Twice Amended) A method of treatment for controlling and lowering intraocular pressure which comprises administering topically to the affected eye a pharmaceutical composition which includes:

a therapeutically effective amount of a beta blocker of the formula:

$$R^1\text{-}O\text{-}CH_2\text{-}CH(OH)\text{-}CH_2\text{-}NR^2R^3$$

wherein R^1 is a substituted or unsubstituted cyclic or aliphatic moiety, and R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from H and substituted and unsubstituted alkyl;

an amount of an anionic mucomimetic polymer having carboxylic acid functional groups which comprise from 2 to 7 carbon atoms per functional group and a molecular weight of from 50,000 to 6 million such that the composition in the form of an aqueous gel or pourable aqueous dispersion has a viscosity of about 1 to about 20,000 cps.; and a particulate cation exchange resin at a concentration of from about 0.05% to 10.0% by weight, the composition having a pH of from about 3.0 to 8.5.

Please add dependent claims 23 and 24.

~~23~~ 6. The composition of claim 1 wherein the particulate cation exchange resin is in the form of a finely divided powder, said powder consisting of spheroidal particles.

~~24~~ 12. The method of claim 7 wherein the particulate cation exchange resin is in the form of a finely divided powder, said powder consisting of spheroidal particles.

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